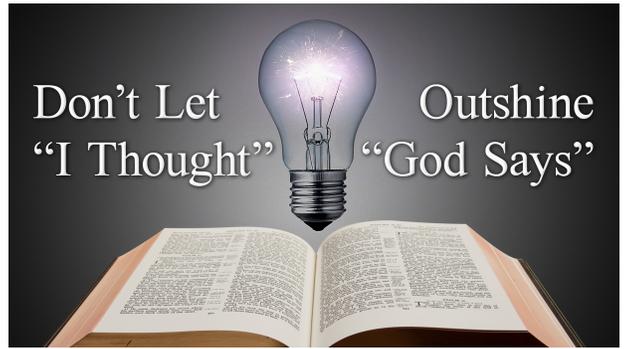


Text: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man—a mighty man of valor held in high esteem. But Naaman was also a leper.

Elisha sent a messenger to [Naaman], saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be _____.” But Naaman was _____ and went _____, saying, “Behold, I _____...” (5:10-11)



- “He would surely come out to me”: *doesn't he know _____ I am?*
- “He would stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God”: *I was expecting something much more _____.*
- “He would wave his hand over the place and cure the leper”: *I was expecting to be _____ served.*
- “Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?": *This seems so _____ and lowly.*
- “Could I not wash in them and be clean?": *I can come up with a _____ way.*

Ever since Eden, it's been all-too-easy to allow “I thought” to outshine “God says.”

I know what God said about...

- The _____ of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... (Gen 3)
- The way _____ were to be made, but I thought... (Lev 10:1-3)
- _____ everything in Jericho, but I thought... (Josh 7:20-21)

I know what God says about...

- _____ (James 1:13-15; Prov 6:27-28)
- _____ (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38-39; 1 Pet 3:21-22)
- My _____ (Luke 10:36-37)
- _____ (Matt 19:4-6, 9)
- The _____ (Matt 16:18)
- _____ (John 4:24)
- The brevity of _____ (James 4:13-17)

...but I thought...

When “I thought” outshines “God says,” I’m left on the outside, looking in on the fulfillment of God’s promises (2 Kings 5:13-14).